

WASHINGTON COUNTY, INDIANA

Highlights



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Introduction

The first edition of the *County Highlights* was published in 1993. Lillian Miles, then Labor Market Analyst for the Gary Primary Metropolitan Statistical Area, originated the idea for this descriptive area publication.

Highlights are now a web publication and, as a result, the data can be updated throughout the year, not just on an annual basis. These *Highlights* are available in easy-to-use web format but are also printable and e-mailable and provide a snapshot of critical population and workforce statistics for each of Indiana's 92 counties, 11 Economic Growth Regions, and the State of Indiana.

Each *Highlights* includes an overview of the demographics and workforce of an area, from its population to the size of its labor force and the industry mix of jobs and wages.

Don't hesitate to contact your regional analyst if you need further information about your area.



Location

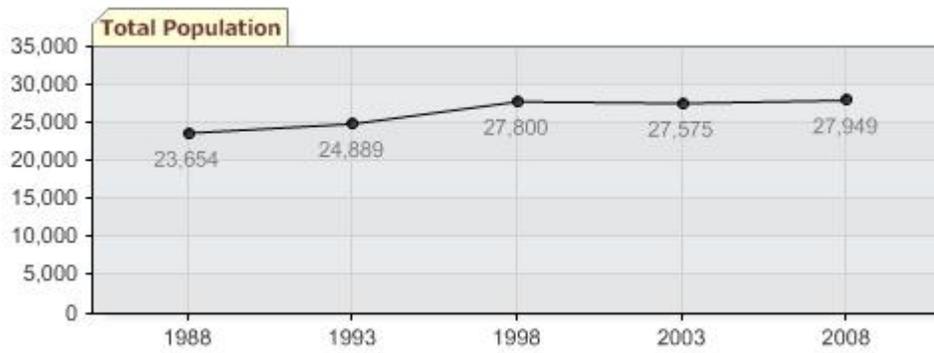
Washington County is located in southeast Indiana. The county is bordered on the east by Clark and Scott Counties. Jackson County borders to the north; Lawrence County is to the northwest; Orange County to the west; and Crawford, Harrison, and Floyd Counties to the south. Washington County is one of the six counties located in the area designated by the Indiana Department of Workforce Development as Indiana Economic Growth Region 10. Washington County along with Clark, Floyd, and Harrison Counties are part of the Louisville Kentucky-Indiana Metropolitan Statistical Area.

Population

A region's economy thrives or dives because of the people who choose to live there. That choice may occur by being born there and desiring to stay, or a more deliberate one of choosing to relocate from somewhere else. Monitoring change in the size and movement of population is an important barometer of well-being. Some of us monitor these changes as an insect might gauge the shifting sands while most don't pay much attention. But the barometer is a good metaphor for population change since it can presage more notable events, such as lackluster business attraction due to lack of workers.

Population Over Time

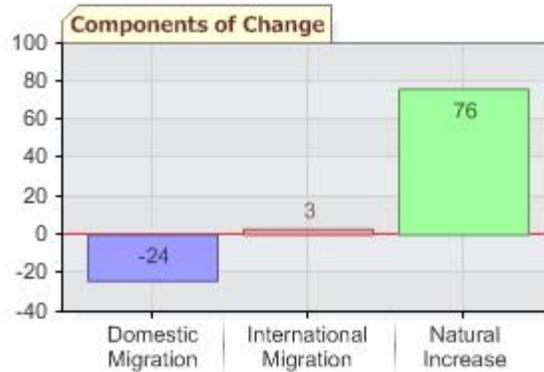
	1988	1993	1998	2003	2008
Total Population	23,654	24,889	27,800	27,575	27,949
Change Since 1988		1,235	4,146	3,921	4,295
Pct. Change Since 1988		5.2%	17.5%	16.6%	18.2%



Source: US Census Bureau

Components of Population Change 2007 to 2008

	Number
Net Domestic Migration	-24
International Migration	3
Natural Increase (births minus deaths)	76
Births	350
Deaths	274



Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Age in 2007

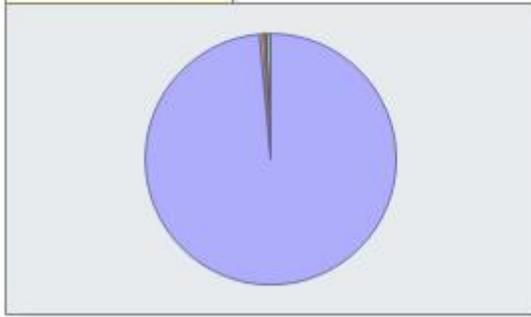
	Number	Pct. Dist
Preschool	1,731	6.2%
School Age	4,994	17.9%
College Age	2,170	7.8%
Young Adult	8,073	29.0%
Older Adult	7,364	26.4%
Older (65 plus)	3,588	12.9%

Source: US Census Bureau

Population Estimates by Race and Hispanic Origin in 2007

	Number	Pct. Dist
American Ind. or Alaskan Native Alone	38	0.1%
Asian Alone	65	0.2%
Black Alone	114	0.4%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pac. Isl. Alone	2	0.0%
White Alone	27,515	98.7%
Two or More Race Groups	186	0.7%

Population by Race



98.69 %	White
0.41 %	Black
0.14 %	Am. Ind or Alaskan Native
0.23 %	Asian
0.01 %	Hawaiian and Pac. Isl
0.67 %	Two or More

Hispanic or Latino

Non-Hispanic or Latino	27,636	99.1%
Hispanic or Latino	284	1.0%

Source: US Census Bureau

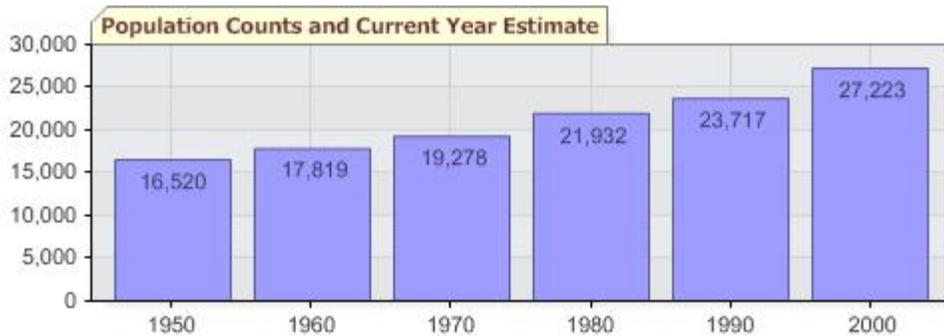
Households in 2000

	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Households	10,264	100.0%
Family Households	7,582	73.9%
Married with Children	2,759	26.9%
Married without Children	3,420	33.3%
Single Parents	830	8.1%
Other	573	5.6%
Non-family Households	2,682	26.1%
Living Alone	2,275	22.2%
Average Household Size	2.66	
Average Family Household Size	3.60	

Source: US Census Bureau

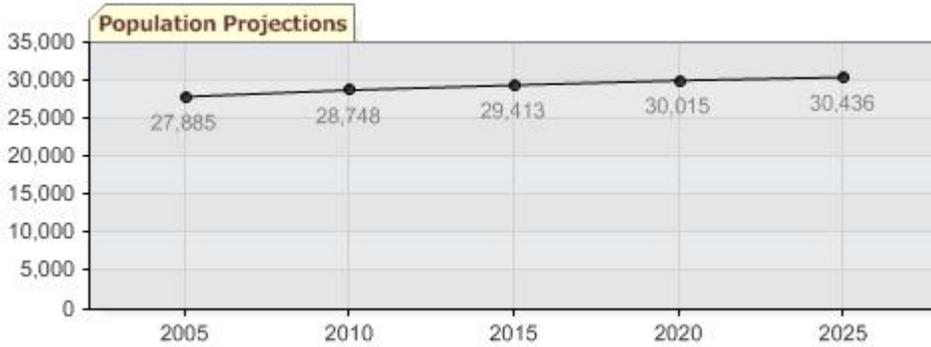
Population Counts by Decade and Current Year Estimate

	Population	Numerical Chg.	Pct. Chg.
1950	16,520	NA	NA
1960	17,819	1,299	7.9%
1970	19,278	1,459	8.2%
1980	21,932	2,654	13.8%
1990	23,717	1,785	8.1%
April 2000	27,223	3,506	14.8%
2007	N/A	N/A	N/A



Population Projections

	2005	2010	2015	2020	2025
Population Projections	27,885	28,748	29,413	30,015	30,436
Change Since 2005		863	1,528	2,130	2,551
Pct. Change Since 2005		3.1%	5.5%	7.6%	9.1%

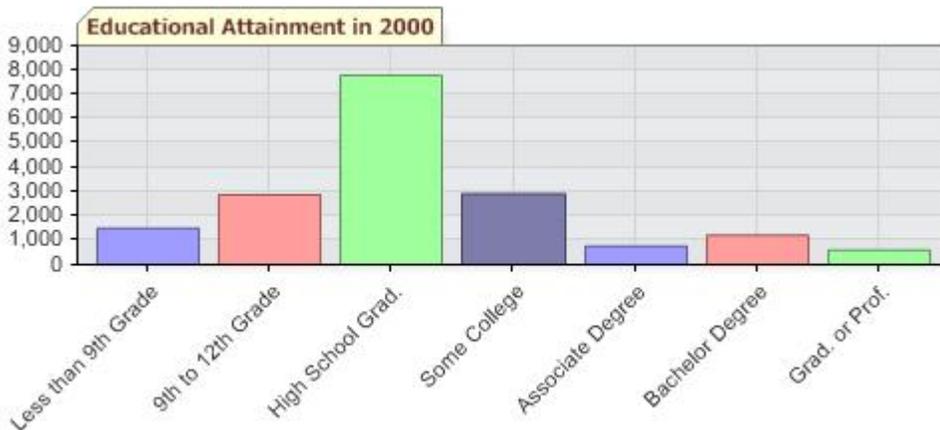


Education

The level of education of our workforce is a critical factor for economic and community development. It often provides insight into the skill levels of a local area. The metrics provided here focus on the attainment of degrees and high school graduates' higher education intent. The type of work (occupations) residents perform can also assist in understanding skill levels.

Educational Attainment

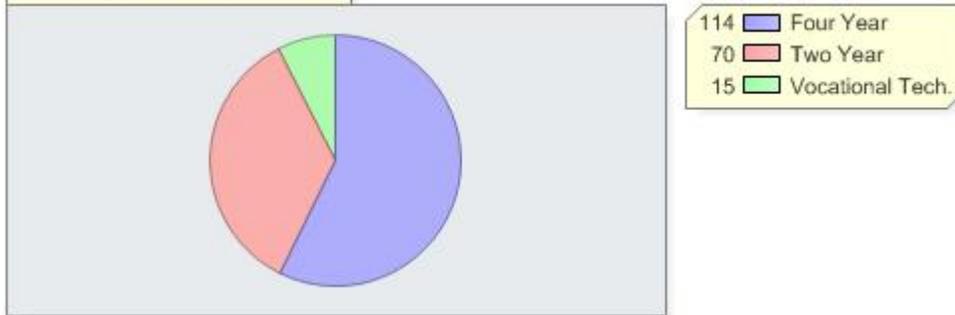
	1970	1980	1990	2000
Total Population 25 and Older	10,533	12,496	14,989	17,648
Less than 9th Grade	4,259	3,709	2,327	1,499
9th to 12th, No Diploma	2,021	2,287	2,744	2,881
High School Graduate (incl. equiv.)	3,222	4,890	6,317	7,783
Some College, No Degree			1,980	2,914
Associate Degree			598	765
Bachelors Degree			591	1,208
Graduate or Professional Degree			432	598



High School Graduates Going on to Higher Education

	2004	2005	2006	2007
Total Graduates	275	280	289	274
Total to Higher Education	207	193	227	199
Four-Year Institution	129	116	118	114
Two-Year Institution	58	67	86	70
Vocational/Tech.	20	10	23	15
Military	10	11	14	17

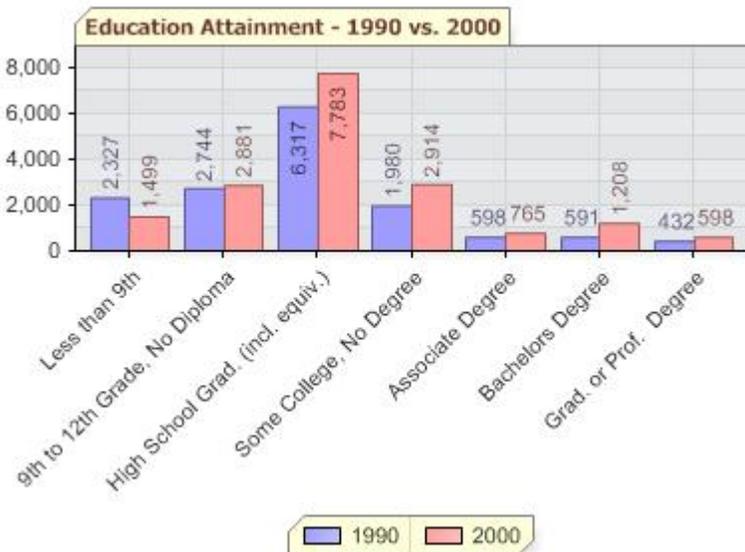
2007 Higher Education Intent



Source: Indiana Department of Education

Educational Attainment in 1990 and 2000

	1990	Pct. of Pop. 25+	2000	Pct. of Pop. 25+
Total Population 25+	14,989	100.0%	17,648	100.0%
Less than 9th Grade	2,327	15.5%	1,499	8.5%
9th to 12th Grade, No Diploma	2,744	18.3%	2,881	16.3%
High School Graduate (incl. equivalency)	6,317	42.1%	7,783	44.1%
Some College, No Degree	1,980	13.2%	2,914	16.5%
Associate Degree	598	4.0%	765	4.3%
Bachelors Degree	591	3.9%	1,208	6.8%
Graduate or Professional Degree	432	2.9%	598	3.4%

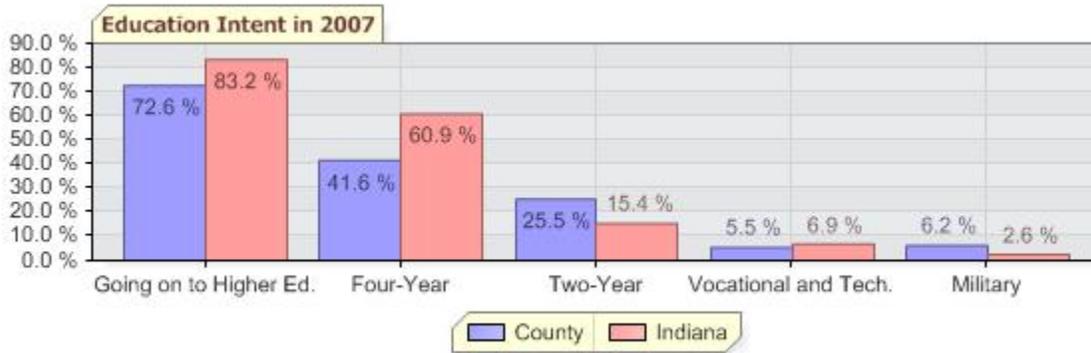


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

High School Graduates Higher Education Intent

	2007 Pct. Dist.	Indiana Pct. Dist.

Graduates	100.0%	100.0%
Total Going on to Higher Education	72.6%	83.2%
Four-Year Institution	41.6%	60.9%
Two-Year Institution	25.5%	15.4%
Vocational and Tech.	5.5%	6.9%
Military	6.2%	2.6%



Source: Indiana Department of Education

Commuting

In Indiana, most workers commute to a job, either within their home county or beyond. Patterns of commuting are significant in showing the labor supply. The county *labor force* represents workers who reside in the county no matter where they work. Two types of commuting patterns are provided here - the Census 2000 *benchmark* and the annual data tabulated from state income tax returns that can help provide a more current view.

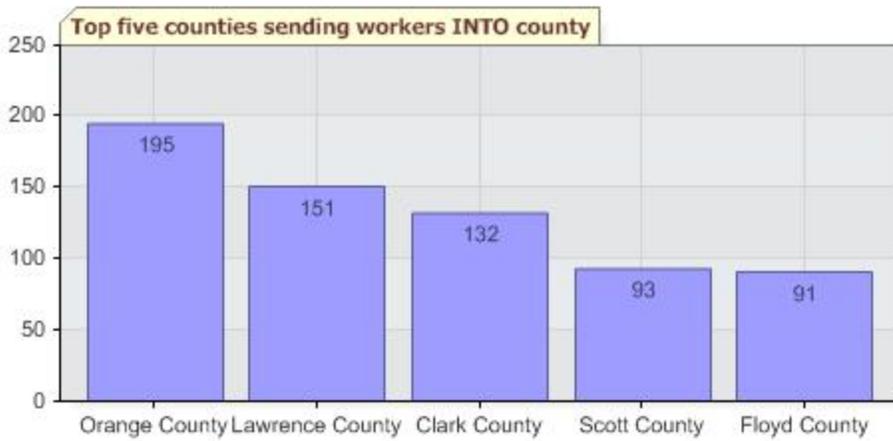
Commuting Data, 2007

	Number
Number of tax filers who live in county and work	18,119
Number of tax filers who work in the county	12,865
Number of tax filers who live in county and work in county	11,827
Number of tax filers who live out of the county and work in county	1,038

Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties sending workers INTO county, 2007

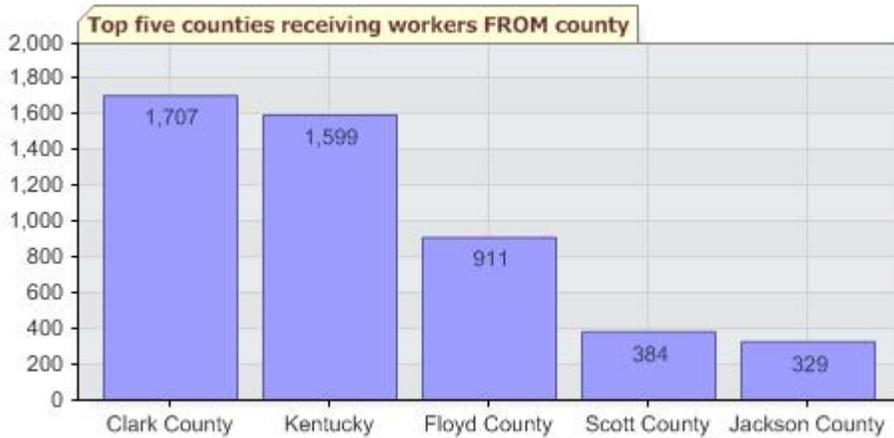
County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Orange County	195	27.7%
Lawrence County	151	21.4%
Clark County	132	18.8%
Scott County	93	13.2%
Floyd County	91	13.4%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Commuting Patterns: Top five counties receiving workers FROM county, 2007

County	Number	Pct. Five County Total
Clark County	1,707	34.6%
Kentucky	1,599	32.4%
Floyd County	911	18.5%
Scott County	384	7.8%
Jackson County	329	6.7%



Source: Indiana Department of Revenue

Travel To Work in 2000

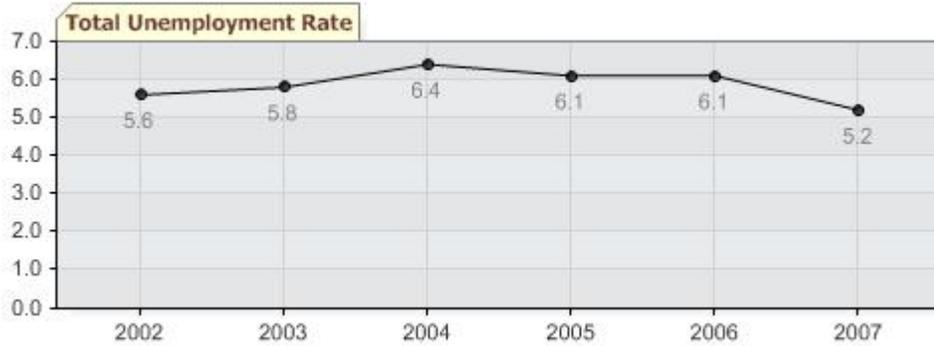
	Number	Pct. Dist
Total Workers Age 16 and Over	13,001	100.0%
Travel To Work	12,499	96.1%
Car, Truck, or Van	12,126	93.3%
Traveled Alone	10,311	79.3%
Carpooled	1,815	14.0%
Used Public Transportation	47	0.4%
Motorcycle, Bicycle, Walked, Other	326	2.5%
Worked At Home	502	3.9%
Average Travel Time (Minutes)	28.4	
Average Travel Time using Public Transportation (Minutes)	24.4	

Labor Force

An area's labor force provides insight on the availability factor and is residence-based - that is, the people are working or seeking work and reside in the particular county or region.

Annual Labor Force Estimates in 2007

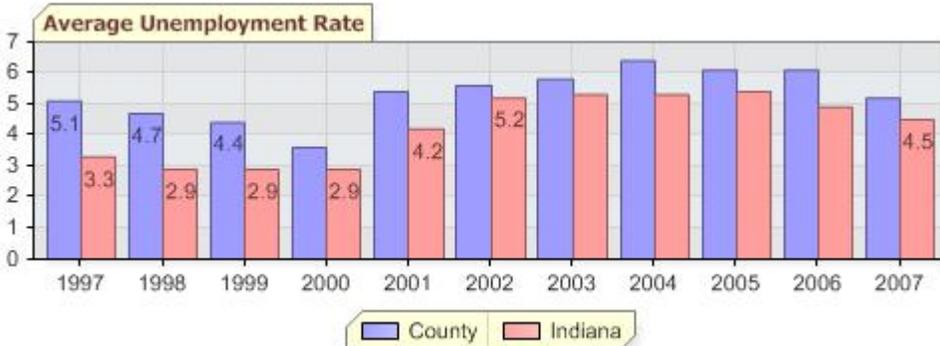
	Number	Pct. Chg. from 2000
Labor Force	14,069	-0.3%
Employed	13,334	-1.9%
Unemployed	735	43.3%
Rate	5.2	44.4%



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Labor Force Estimates

	Labor Force	Emp.	Unemp.	Cnty. Rate	State Rate
1997	12,107	11,487	620	5.1	3.3
1998	12,036	11,468	568	4.7	2.9
1999	11,888	11,370	518	4.4	2.9
2000	14,107	13,594	513	3.6	2.9
2001	14,140	13,382	758	5.4	4.2
2002	14,023	13,240	783	5.6	5.2
2003	13,993	13,186	807	5.8	5.3
2004	13,957	13,066	891	6.4	5.3
2005	13,988	13,138	850	6.1	5.4
2006	14,293	13,419	874	6.1	4.9
2007	14,069	13,334	735	5.2	4.5



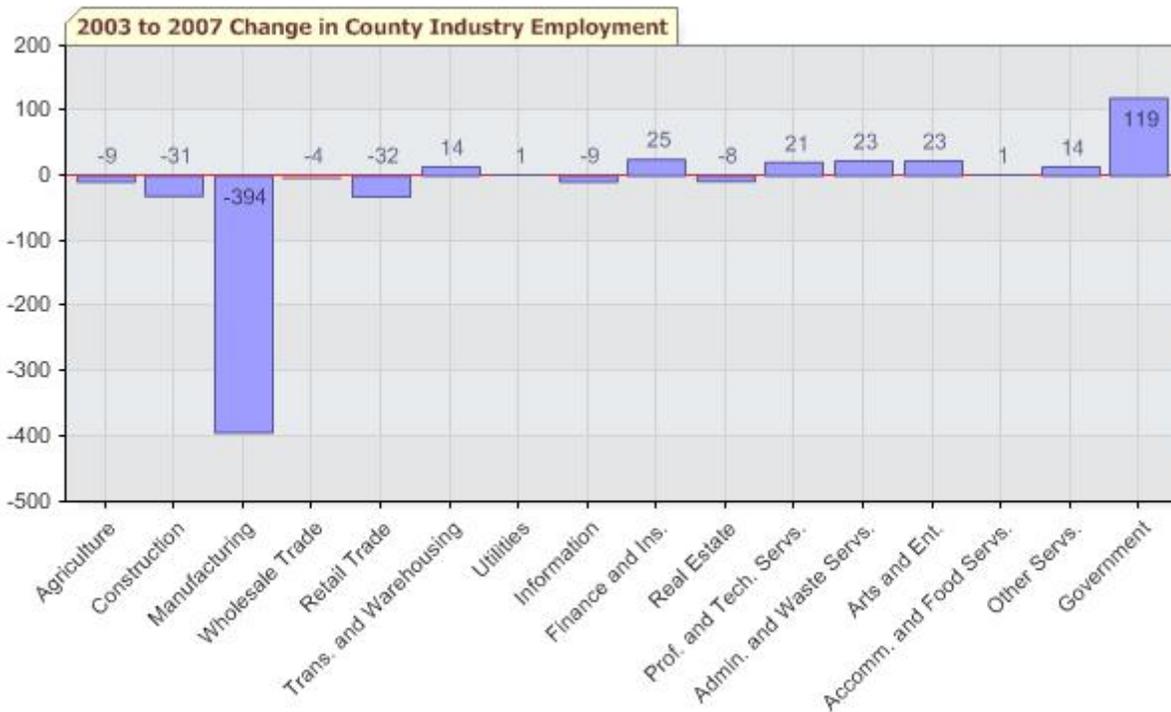
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

Employment

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry.

Average Employment by Sector

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	Change 2003-2007	% Change 2003-2007
Total Employment	6,413	6,325	6,404	6,259	6,160	-253	-3.95%
Total Private Employment	4,989	4,876	4,909	4,664	4,617	-372	-7.46%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	85	82	90	85	76	-9	-10.59%
Mining	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Construction	331	363	347	325	300	-31	-9.37%
Manufacturing	2,151	2,031	2,047	1,842	1,757	-394	-18.32%
Wholesale Trade	159	168	161	145	155	-4	-2.52%
Retail Trade	704	673	668	656	672	-32	-4.55%
Transport. and Warehousing	75	73	83	79	89	14	18.67%
Utilities	16	18	18	18	17	1	6.25%
Information	111	102	108	106	102	-9	-8.11%
Finance and Insurance	136	145	154	162	161	25	18.38%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	55	56	53	52	47	-8	-14.55%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	126	109	127	137	147	21	16.67%
Mgmt. of Companies	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Admin. and Waste Services	57	98	83	74	80	23	40.35%
Educational Services	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	395	401	398	388	394	N/A	N/A
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	17	20	28	42	40	23	135.29%
Accommodation and Food Service	414	361	354	381	415	1	0.24%
Other Services	138	159	177	156	152	14	10.14%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	1,424	1,449	1,495	1,595	1,543	119	8.36%

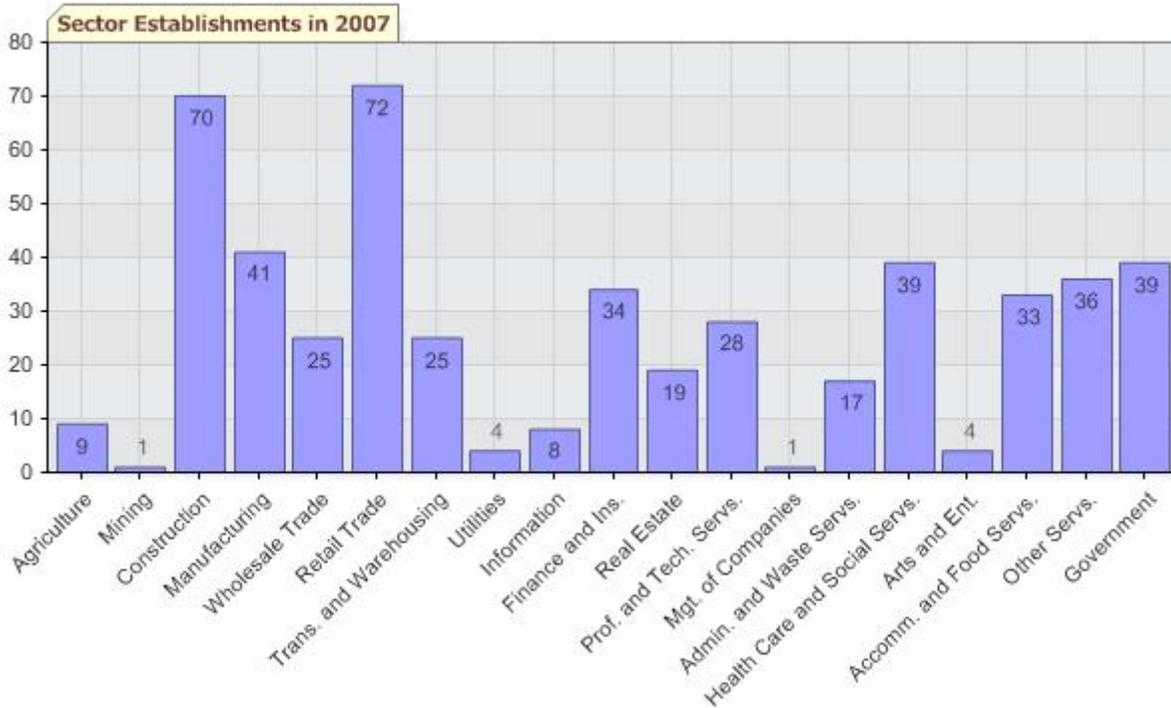


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Establishments by Sector

Change % Change

	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007
Total Establishments	502	500	496	503	505	3	0.60%
Total Private Establishments	463	462	460	467	466	3	0.65%
Agriculture, Forestry, Fishing, Hunt	11	12	12	10	9	-2	-18.18%
Mining	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Construction	64	63	72	72	70	6	9.38%
Manufacturing	42	43	41	40	41	-1	-2.38%
Wholesale Trade	24	24	23	22	25	1	4.17%
Retail Trade	80	78	75	77	72	-8	-10.00%
Transport. and Warehousing	27	26	25	25	25	-2	-7.41%
Utilities	4	4	4	4	4	0	0.00%
Information	9	7	8	8	8	-1	-11.11%
Finance and Insurance	28	31	33	33	34	6	21.43%
Real Estate, Rental, Leasing	22	22	20	19	19	-3	-13.64%
Professional and Tech. Servs.	27	25	27	30	28	1	3.70%
Mgmt. of Companies	D	D	D	D	D	N/A	N/A
Admin. and Waste Services	15	18	18	18	17	2	13.33%
Educational Services	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Health Care and Social Assistance	40	41	37	37	39	-1	-2.50%
Arts, Entertain., and Recreation	4	3	4	4	4	0	0.00%
Accommodation and Food Service	29	27	27	30	33	4	13.79%
Other Services	35	37	35	37	36	1	2.86%
Federal, State, & Local Govt.	39	38	36	36	39	0	0.00%



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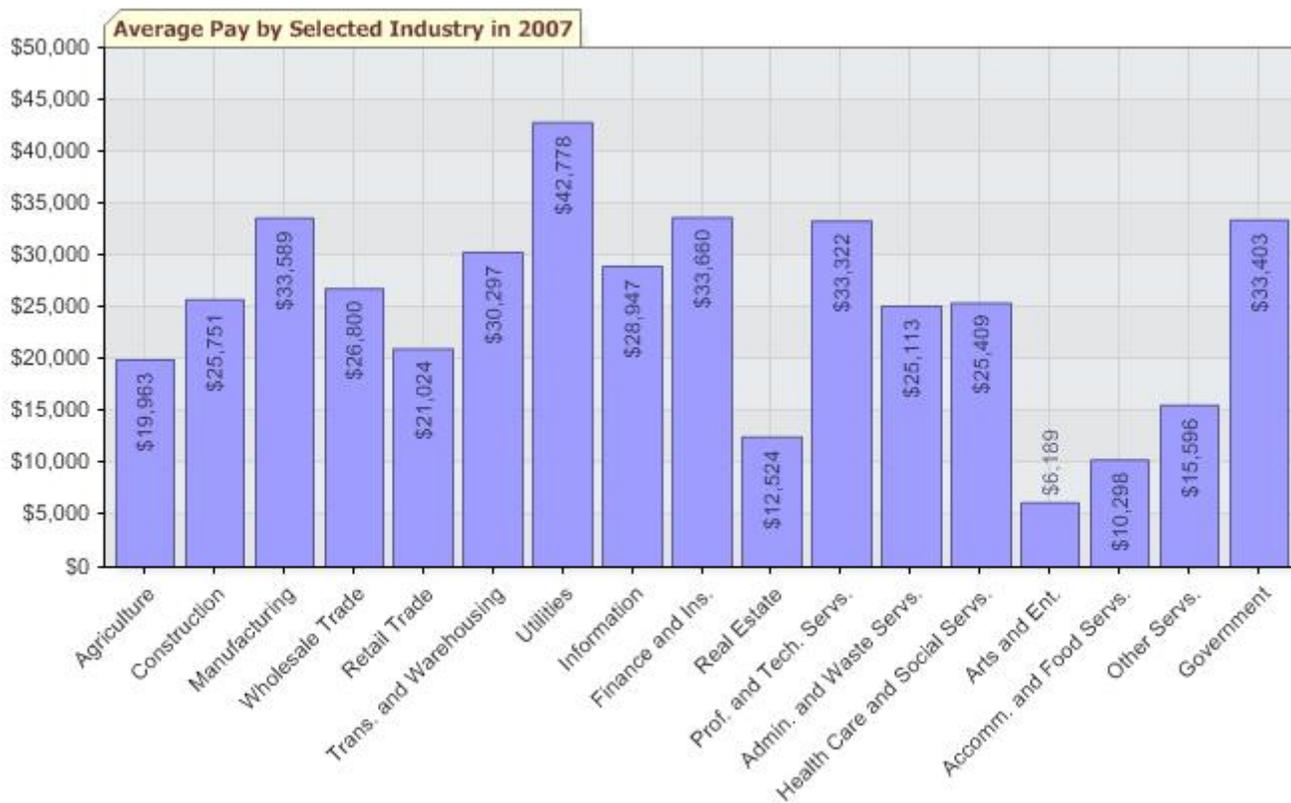
Earnings and Income

Industry employment is tabulated as jobs by place-of-work. Keep in mind that people may hold multiple jobs and that each job is counted by its industry. Note: The income figures and changes are not adjusted for inflation.

Average Annual Earnings by Industry

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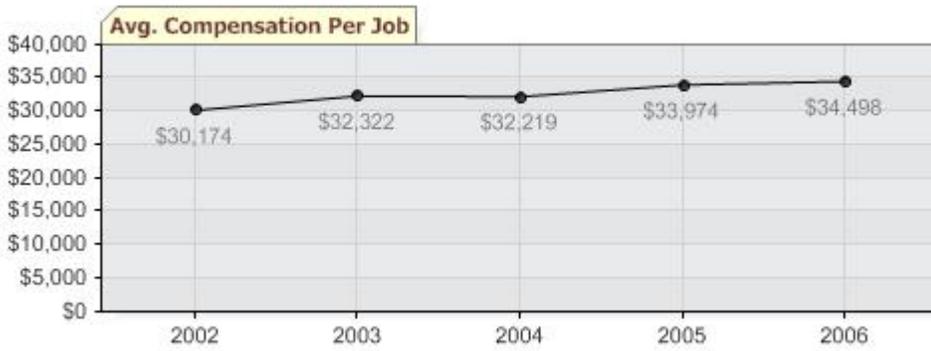
	2003	2007	2003-2007	2003-2007	2007	State
All Industries	\$25,182	\$28,384	\$3,202	12.7%	\$37,530	75.6%
Ag., For., Fishing, & Hunt.	\$17,717	\$19,963	\$2,246	12.7%	\$28,008	71.3%
Mining	D	D	N/A	N/A	\$57,315	N/A
Construction	\$25,127	\$25,751	\$624	2.5%	\$44,754	57.5%
Manufacturing	\$29,846	\$33,589	\$3,743	12.5%	\$51,148	65.7%
Wholesale Trade	\$25,705	\$26,800	\$1,095	4.3%	\$51,432	52.1%
Retail Trade	\$20,662	\$21,024	\$362	1.8%	\$22,581	93.1%
Trans. & Warehousing	\$24,245	\$30,297	\$6,053	25.0%	\$38,012	79.7%
Utilities	\$38,755	\$42,778	\$4,023	10.4%	\$68,267	62.7%
Information	\$25,889	\$28,947	\$3,057	11.8%	\$46,311	62.5%
Finance & Insurance	\$27,000	\$33,660	\$6,660	24.7%	\$52,649	63.9%
Real Est., Rent., Leasing	\$13,891	\$12,524	-\$1,367	-9.8%	\$32,614	38.4%
Prof. & Tech. Svcs.	\$21,767	\$33,322	\$11,555	53.1%	\$51,451	64.8%
Mgt.of Companies	D	D	N/A	N/A	\$72,682	N/A
Admin. & Waste Svcs.	\$17,895	\$25,113	\$7,218	40.3%	\$24,934	100.7%
Education Svcs.	0	0	N/A	N/A	\$31,029	N/A
Health Care & Social Assist.	\$20,999	\$25,409	\$4,409	21.0%	\$37,706	67.4%
Arts, Ent. & Rec.	\$10,705	\$6,189	-\$4,516	-42.2%	\$29,251	21.2%
Accom. & Food Svcs.	\$8,508	\$10,298	\$1,789	21.0%	\$12,442	82.8%
Other Svcs.	\$17,844	\$15,596	-\$2,248	-12.6%	\$24,862	62.7%
Fed.I, State & Local Govt.	\$28,180	\$33,403	\$5,223	18.5%	\$37,054	90.1%



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Average Compensation Per Job Over Time

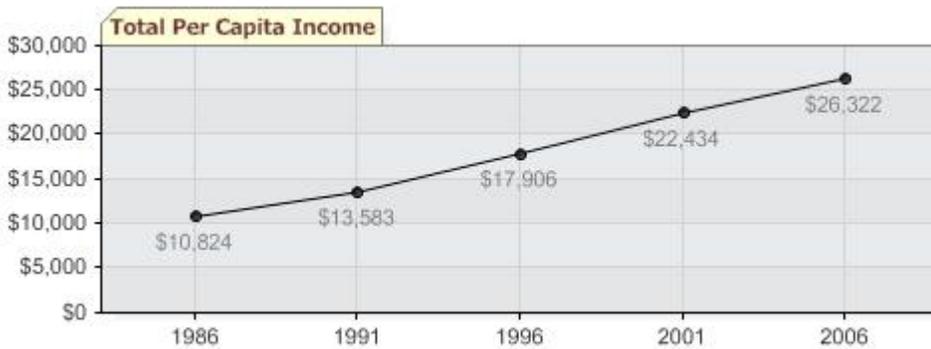
	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006
Avg. Compensation per Job	\$30,174	\$32,322	\$32,219	\$33,974	\$34,498
Change Since 2002		\$2,148	\$2,045	\$3,800	\$4,324
Pct. Change Since 2002		7.1%	6.8%	12.6%	14.3%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Per Capita Income Over Time

	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006
Total Per Capita Income	\$10,824	\$13,583	\$17,906	\$22,434	\$26,322
Change Since 1986		\$2,759	\$7,082	\$11,610	\$15,498
Pct. Change Since 1986		25.5%	65.4%	107.3%	143.2%



Source: Bureau of Economic Analysis

Income & Wage

	Number
Median family income in 2007 (ACS)	N/A
Median household income in 2007 (ACS)	N/A
Average Wage Per Job in 2007 (BLS)	\$28,387
Wage Growth since 1997 (BLS)	38.7%

Source: US Census Bureau & Bureau of Labor Statistics

Firms and Employment by Size

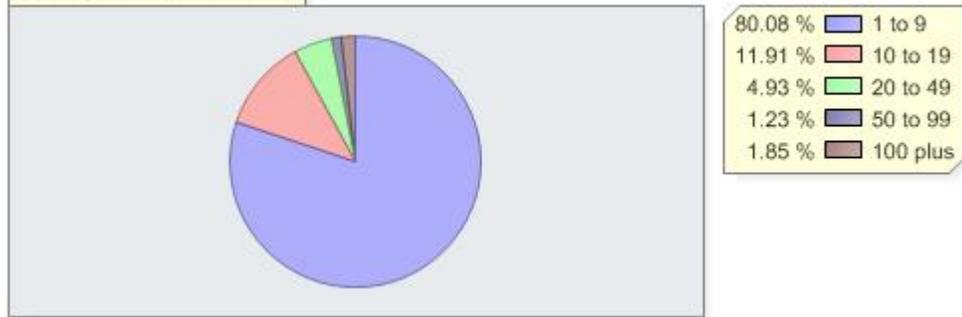
Firm data are available for most counties by the size of the firms and average employment by business unit size.

County Business Patterns, 2006

	Establishments	Number Chg. 01 to 06	Pct. Chg. 01 to 06	Pct. of Total
1-9 employees	390	-3	-0.8%	80.1%
10-19 employees	58	12	26.1%	11.9%
20-49 employees	24	-4	-14.3%	4.9%

50-99 employees	6	-4	-40.0%	1.2%
100 plus employees	9	1	12.5%	1.8%
TOTAL	487	2	0.4%	100.0%

County Business Patterns

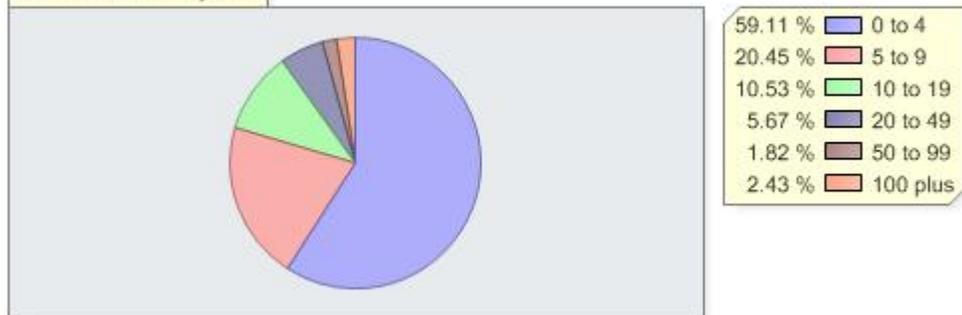


Source: U.S. Census Bureau

Firms by Size, 2008:3

	Number of Business Units, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	292	59.1%
5 to 9 employees	101	20.4%
10 to 19 employees	52	10.5%
20 to 49 employees	28	5.7%
50 to 99 employees	9	1.8%
100 plus employees	12	2.4%
TOTAL	494	100.0%

Business Units by Size



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.

Avg. Employment by Business Unit Size, 2008:3

	Avg. Employment, 2008:2	Pct. of Total
0 to 4 employees	542	9.4%
5 to 9 employees	653	11.3%
10 to 19 employees	710	12.3%
20 to 49 employees	767	13.3%
50 to 99 employees	692	12.0%
100 plus employees	2,393	41.6%
TOTAL	5,756	100.0%

Avg. Employment by Size



Source: Indiana Department of Workforce Development, Research & Analysis, Covered Employment; Note: Business Units with zero employees and Federal Government Employees are included.